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Dr. Harlan L. Watson is Senior Climate Negotiator and Special Representative at the U.S. Department of State. In this capacity, he served as alternate head of the U.S. delegation at the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Marrakech, Morocco. Dr. Watson heads the National Security Council Policy Coordination Committee (NSC/PCC) Working Group on Climate Change

Dr. Watson joined the Department of State's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs in September 2001. He previously served for more than 16 years on the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Science, including over 6 years as Staff Director of the Committee's Subcommittee on Energy and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.

Dr. Watson's further U.S. government experience includes serving as Science Advisor to Secretary of the Interior, and as Principal Deputy and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Interior for Water and Science. He was a professional staff member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Energy, Nuclear Proliferation, and Federal Services. He also worked as a technical staff member at TRW Inc., as a project and senior scientist at B-K Dynamics, Inc., and as a postdoctoral appointee at Argonne National Laboratory.

Dr. Watson earned a B.A. in physics from Western Illinois University, a Ph.D. in solid state physics from Iowa State University, and an M.A. in Economics from Georgetown University.